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**From:** Joshua Rubenstein  
**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 6:17 AM  
**To:** Winton, Richard  
**Cc:** Patricia Sandoval  
**Subject:** Re: Hollywood sergeant

Richard

All we can tell you is an administrative investigation has been initiated on connection with an arrest of this individual in Alhambra. At this point we have no information to report about any of the other allegations.

Josh Rubenstein  
Public Information Director  
Los Angeles Police Department

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**From:** Ruby Gonzales <rugonzales@scng.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:24 AM  
**To:** Joshua Rubenstein  
**Subject:** Arrest of Christian Manuel Mejia (sergeant)

Dear Mr. Rubenstein,

My name is Ruby Gonzales and I am a reporter with the Pasadena Star News, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and the Whittier Daily News.

I am writing a story today about a man who was arrested by Alhambra Police for allegedly being drunk in public on Sept. 22. The man, 35-year-old Christian Manuel Mejia, told Alhambra police that he is a sergeant with the LAPD.

He was arrested and released the same day.

I am trying to verify if Mr. Mejia is a sergeant with the Hollywood Division, how long he has worked for the department and what is his current employment status since his arrest?

Is he on desk duty? Is he still on patrol? Is he on paid administrative leave? Is there an administrative investigation started?

Is it true that the station held its annual divisional picnic on Friday at the police academy and some officers afterward headed to Alhambra and continued drinking?

The sheriff's booking system shows Mejia was arrested at 1:44 a.m. on Saturday.

I left a message for the station captain this morning as well. A front desk officer working at around 8:30 a.m. took down my message.

I would appreciate a response from the department today.

My cell is [REDACTED]

P.S. I sent the same email to the [PIO@lapd.online](mailto:PIO@lapd.online) email.

Sincerely,

Ruby Gonzales

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Hi Josh,

Daniel Miller here, I am a reporter at the L.A. Times, and Steve Soboroff suggested I reach out to you. I am working on an expansive story about the life and legacy of Big Willie Robinson. He was a street racer, and a towering L.A. figure, whose story is pretty fascinating. You can read about him here:

<http://articles.latimes.com/2012/may/25/local/la-me-willie-robinson-20120525>

Here's where the LAPD comes in: The story is that in the late 1960s, Willie's group, the Brotherhood of Street Racers, was founded with the help of the LAPD. He claimed this in interviews numerous times. Via this partnership, Willie acted as an emissary of sorts in South L.A., helping the department smooth over relations after the Watts Riots. LAPD officers even helped him stage street races, and helped him eventually open a track on Terminal Island, according to stories I've heard and Robinson's claims. It seems to have been a novel and early example of community-based policing.

I have spoken to historical LAPD figures (like Bernard Parks and Charlie Beck), who said this rings true to them, based on stories they heard and their own recollections. What I don't have, however, is the actual department's perspective on this. Perhaps this relationship between LAPD and Robinson was written down in files that are still existing? Perhaps there are also old-timers within the LAPD who I am unaware of who could speak with first-hand knowledge of how this all went down?

I wanted to reach out to you before I filed a public records request for anything the department has on Robinson and the Brotherhood. I intend to file a request shortly, as I know it takes some time to process them.

I am happy to speak on the phone to get the ball rolling. (I called you this a.m., too.) My cell is 310 422 2075 and my office line is 213 237 2340. I look forward to connecting. This is a really fun story, and I'd love to have the LAPD's help in telling it.

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**To:** Joshua Rubenstein;marc.reina@lapdonline.org  
**Subject:** FW: from Gale Holland LA Times  
**Attachments:** homelessvoterreg.xlsx

One additional question: what ballot measures were proposed on the petitions related to the May and Sept. voter fraud? Thank you, Gale Holland

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**Cc:** josh.rubenstein@lapd.online; Holland, Gale  
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Hi Capt:

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If you can't get to that level of detail, I understand, but I would be very grateful for any information or overview statement about the operation. Attached is a spread sheet with the names and arrest information.

Best regards,

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Hi Josh and Capt. Reina:

I am stepping out next door for something to eat if Capt. Reina can call me I'm at [REDACTED], returning soon and back to office number 213-237-7725.

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1. If LAPD is exploring links between this suspect and the downtown killings? **YES**
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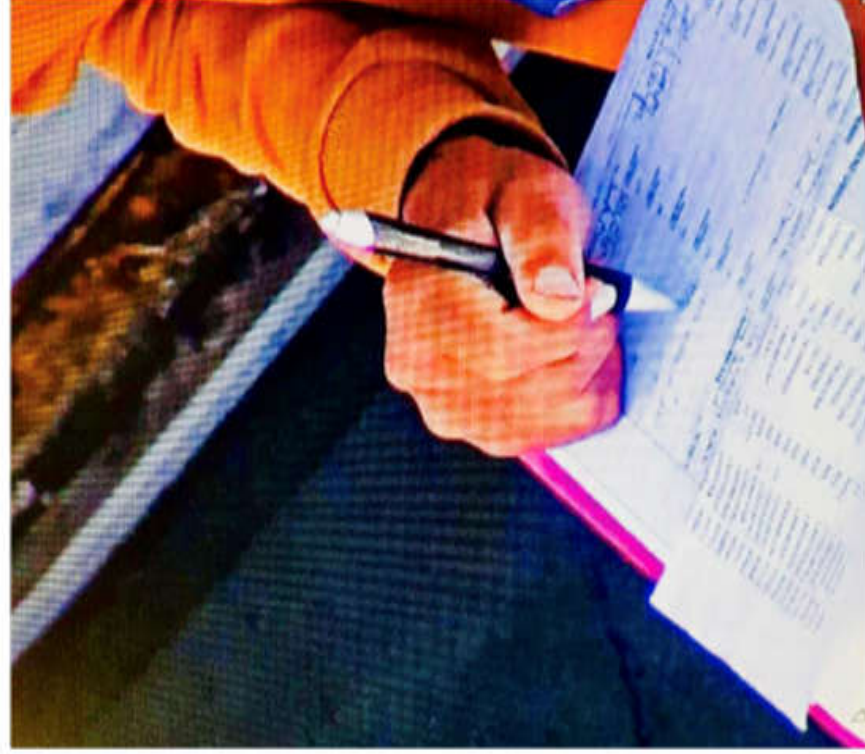
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Gale Holland  
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Yet another arrest by your [@LAPD\\_RESET](#) officers for Election Code Fraud. Three people booked on Felony charges. Homeless individuals were getting paid \$1.00 or less for a forged signature on a State ballot measure. [#VoterFraud](#) [#SkidRow](#)



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**Cc:** St John, Robert  
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Greetings,

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Sincerely  
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JQ

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**To:** Joshua Rubenstein  
**Cc:** PIO  
**Subject:** Re: TigerText

Thank you.

Megan Barnes  
Reporter | Press-Telegram  
W: 310.543.6614 C: [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:14 AM  
**To:** Joshua Rubenstein  
**Subject:** LAPD meeting with admins for Crimebuster Facebook pages

Hi Josh,

A few West Valley residents have been contacting us saying they believe the senior lead officers of Topanga Division were told to stop posting on two community Facebook groups -- Crimebusters of West Hills and Woodland Hills and Crimebusters Homeless Encampments.

An administrator for the groups said she had a meeting with the SLOs, Capt. Maureen Ryan, Deputy Chief Kris Pitcher and yourself recently. She said the officers were told they could no longer post on the pages after several complaints were made to the city.

Is that the case? Can I give you a call about this today?

Thanks,

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Josh Cain  
Crime and Public Safety Reporter  
Southern California News Group  
o: (818) 713-0043  
c: [REDACTED]  
@joshpcain



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**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 5:28 PM  
**To:** Patricia Sandoval  
**Cc:** Joshua Rubenstein  
**Subject:** Re: Homeless attacks

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**Cc:** Patricia Sandoval;Chang, Cindy;Robert Green;Joshua Rubenstein;Ronald Dickerson;Adriana Rodriguez  
**Subject:** Re: meeting with l.a. times

I should be able to make that work, though the Suge Knight trial may be starting that day. I will do my best to show up.

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**From:** Winton, Richard  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 11:29:19 AM  
**To:** Yvonne Reyes  
**Cc:** Patricia Sandoval; Chang, Cindy; Robert Green; Joshua Rubenstein; Queally, James; Ronald Dickerson; Adriana Rodriguez  
**Subject:** Re: meeting with l.a. times

Yes agreed

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